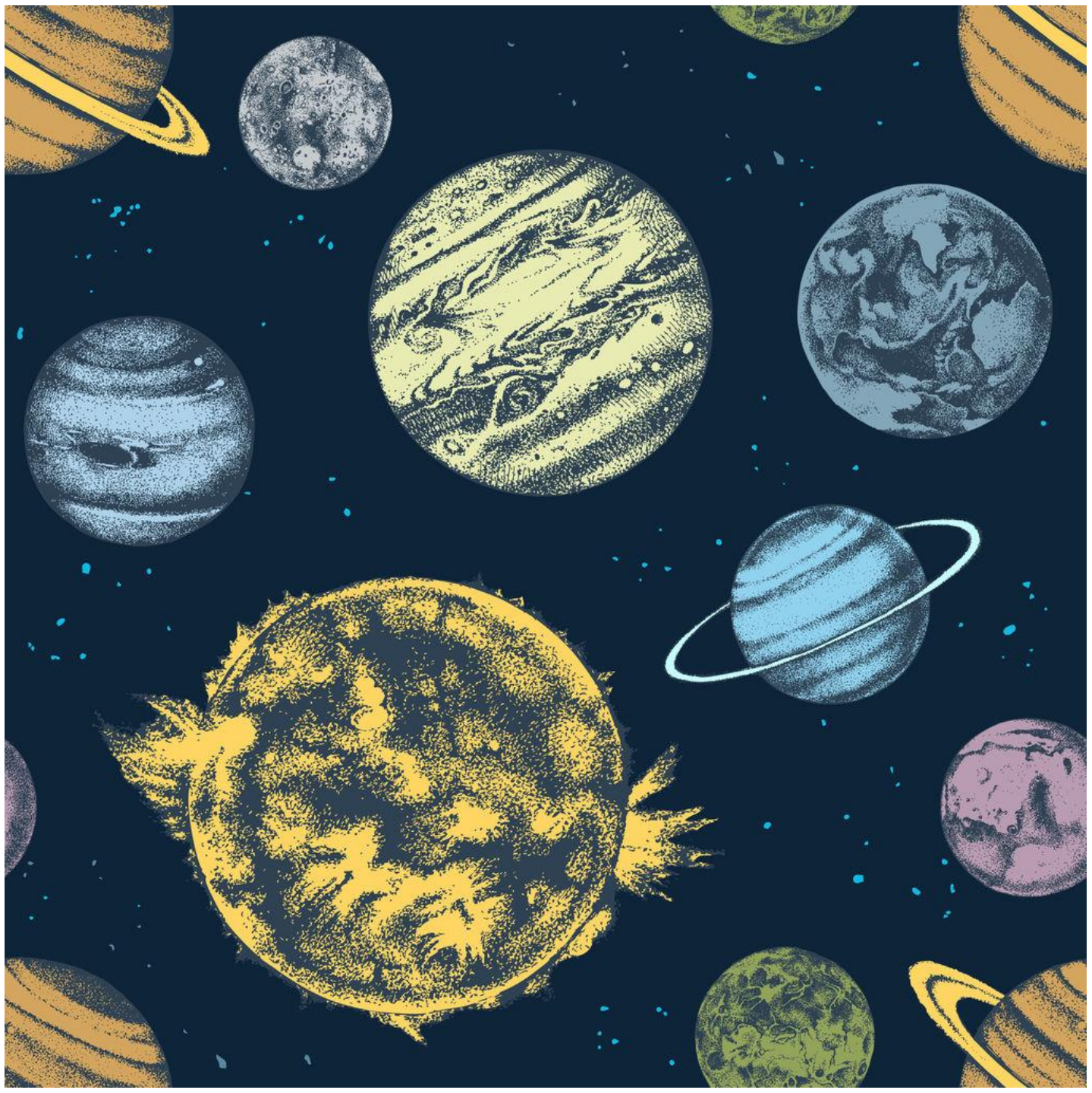


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Youths Are From Mars, Others Are From Venus

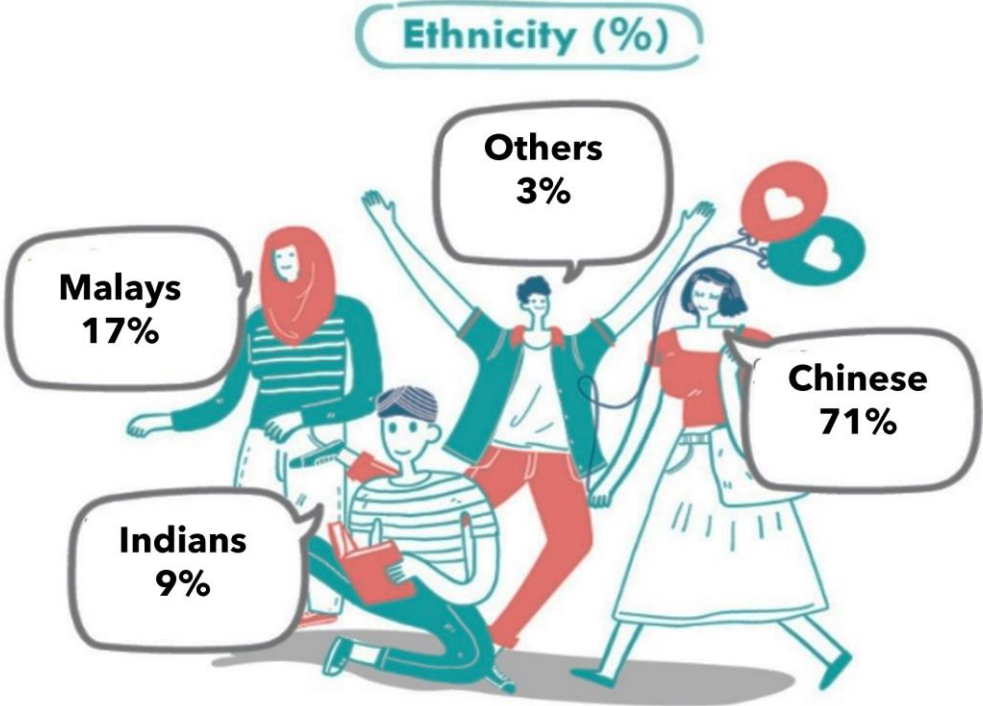
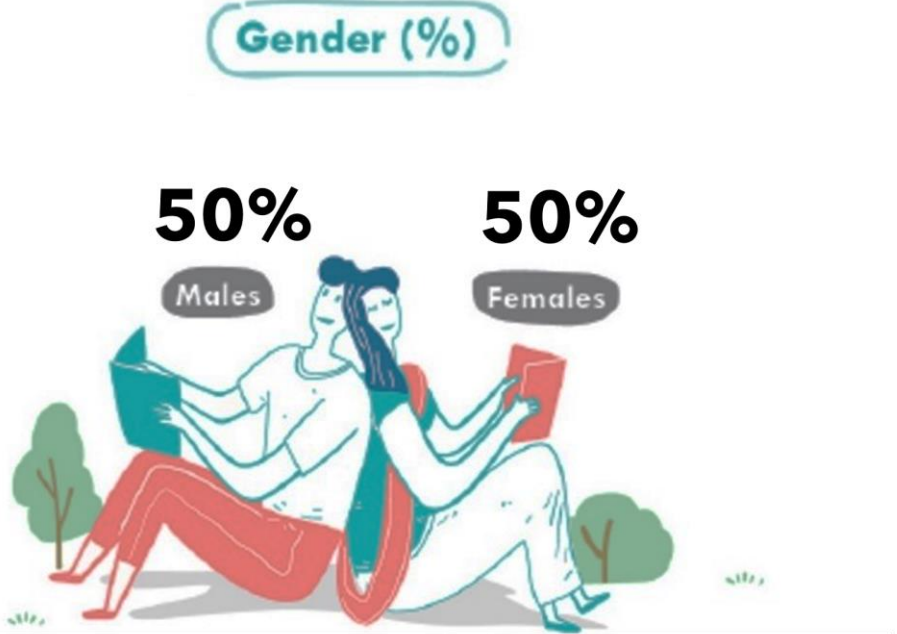
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Overview of youths

15 - 35 years old

Approximately **1.04m** youths, making up **~25%** of our resident population



A very different world

Global pandemic at a time when youths are coming of age

Mature economy in a world with rapidly changing business models and technologies

Hyper-connected world with porous information flows and increasing digital connectivity

Ageing workforce and population, with diverse needs and expectations

How have these shaped youths?



Be Heard

Be Empowered

Be The Change

To develop **future-ready** youth who are **committed to Singapore**, by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience and an enterprising spirit

MCCY and NYC **keep a pulse** on evolving youth sentiments.



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Youths keen on more affordable and alternative housing options

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Overall, youths' wellbeing remains positive.

Happiness



Life satisfaction



Confidence in future



Youths' perceptions of their ability to bounce back from stress are moderate.

Stress



Youths remain most stressed about future uncertainty.



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Speak up for change: Youth leaders call on peers to shape their future

Through a series of dialogues, youth get the opportunity to weigh in on issues that matter most to them



5 at the dialogue session last November on enhancing health and support for families. PHOTO: NUSCCS

Youths are well-educated, compared to previous generations and to most of the world

Ranked almost top in the world for **upward mobility in education**, with nearly **6 in 10** adults attaining higher qualifications than their parents¹

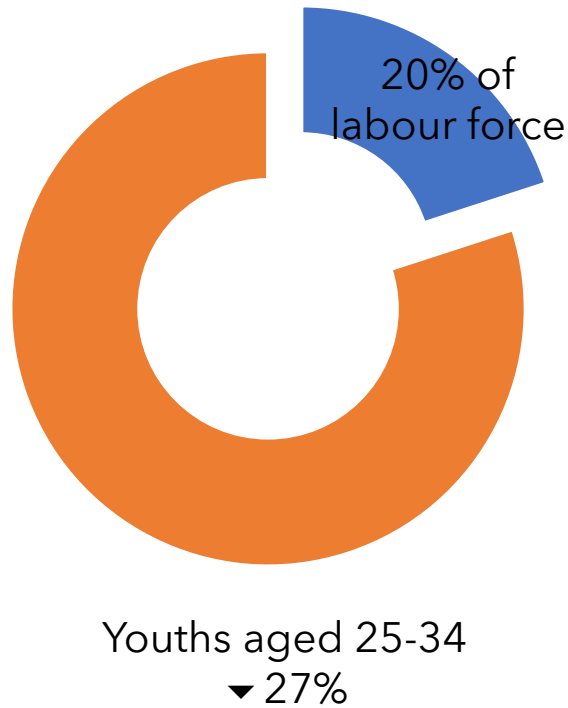
Today, **more than 300,000** youths aged 25 to 34 have a university degree - this figure has **doubled** from two decades ago²

Back then, about 320,000 youths had secondary school education as highest qualification, compared to **32,000 today**

¹ Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Report 2018

² Singapore Department of Statistics (2022). Singapore residents aged 25 years and over by highest qualification attained and age group (Annual)

Youths are generally satisfied with their job, even as priorities have shifted

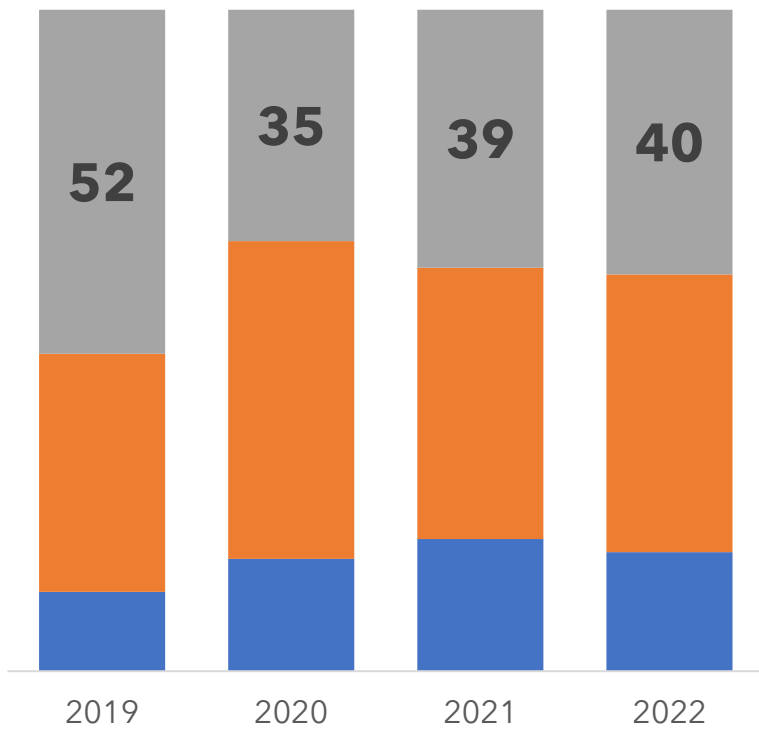


Almost **7 in 10** young workers indicated **satisfaction** with their jobs and found work to be a **positive challenge**¹

Recognise the importance of lifelong learning, with **7 in 10** having plans to **upskill or reskill in the next 5 years**²

^{1,2}Youth STEPS (Study on Transitions and Evolving Pathways in Singapore)

Youths' mental well-being is still recovering from the pandemic



State of mental well-being (very good/good; fair; bad/very bad)¹

Youth aged 15-19	Youth aged 20-24	Youth aged 25-29	Youth aged 30-34
Studies (28%)	Burnout (30%)	Finances (28%)	Work-related problems (28%)
Burnout (26%)	Future uncertainty (26%)	Burnout (26%)	Burnout (27%)
Future uncertainty (23%)	Work-life balance (24%)	Future uncertainty (25%)	Finances (27%)
Finances (21%)	Finances (24%)	Work-related problems (23%)	Work-life balance (25%)
Personal relations (21%)	Personal relations (22%)	Work-life balance (22%)	Future uncertainty (25%)

Top 5 areas affecting youth's mental well-being

¹ National Youth Survey, NYC; Youth Sentiments Polls, NYC

Youths are more liberal than the general population, but priority is still on bread and butter

More **liberal** views in issues such as divorce, sex before marriage, and same sex relationships¹

	2021	2022	1H 2023
1	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Cost of living
2	Jobs & Economy	Balance in life	Jobs and economy
3	Mental well-being	Jobs & Economy	Balance in life
4	Balance in life	Mental well-being	Mental well-being
5	Environment & Sustainability	Environment & Sustainability	Environment & sustainability

Top youth issues needing more attention in the next one year²

¹ World Values Survey, 2021
² Youth Sentiments Polls, NYC

Youths are getting married later, and views on marriage and parenthood are also shifting

Median age for first marriage¹:
30.6 in 2022 vs. 28.9 in 2002 for *men*
29.1 in 2022 vs. 26.2 in 2002 for *women*

Top three **pre-requisites** for parenthood²:

Having adequate employment benefits (78%)

Financial Stability (77%)

Having own home (75%)

More youths (aged 22-29) hold the belief that dating, marriage, and parenthood are **not essential** for a fulfilling life³

¹ Singapore Department of Statistics (2022)

^{2,3} Youth STEPS

Youths are willing to contribute to society in different ways and remain civically engaged

Over 1 in 2 youths remain **confident** that they are prepared for the future, and **over 2 in 5 continued** to see **sufficient opportunities** to achieve their aspirations and have a good career in Singapore¹

4 in 5 youths participated in at least **one civic activity** in 2022²



Youth Corps Singapore volunteer leading an outdoor activity with children (2023)

Thank You